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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-reference application.

A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English translation of the abstract of the non-English document is enclosed.

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